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EVALUATION APPARATUS  
FOR BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES,  
EVALUATION METHOD FOR THE  
SAME, AND STORAGE MEDIUM  
STORING COMPUTER PROGRAMS  
FOR EXECUTING THE SAME  
EVALUATION METHOD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116  
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In response to the final Office Action of June 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows: